

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

CLAIMS:

1.-13. (Cancelled)

14. (New) A plastic panel assembly formed by at least first and second plastic boards secured at an interlocked joint of said first and second boards, each of said boards having a construction comprising a main body portion with a top surface, a bottom surface, a first edge region and a second edge region, said first edge region having a top surface which is a continuation of the top surface of the main body portion and also having a first locking part, said second edge region having a bottom surface which is a continuation of the bottom surface of the main body portion and also having a second locking part, said interlocked joint being formed by engagement of said first locking part of said first edge region of the first board with said second locking part of said second edge region of said second board, said assembly including both a moisture drainage channel and a mechanical fastener receiving surface which are separated from one another at said interlocked joint, said first locking part of said first edge region includes a recessed region which faces downwardly, said second locking part of said second edge region comprises an upward projection from said bottom surface of said second edge region, said recessed region has a concave shape and wherein said upward projection has a convex shape, said moisture drainage channel including a channel mouth above said upward projection, said first edge region including a laterally extending head portion which penetrates through said channel mouth and which rocks upwardly into a moisture blocking position within said moisture drainage channel as said recessed region of said

first locking part of first edge region is interlocked with said upward projection of said second locking part of said second edge region.

15. (New) A plastic panel assembly as claimed in claim 14 wherein said moisture drainage channel is formed in said second edge region of said second board and includes a channel mouth, said first locking part of said first edge region having a locking member which locks into said channel mouth.

16. (New) A plastic panel assembly as claimed in claim 15 wherein said fastener receiving surface is formed with said second edge region of said second board, said moisture drainage channel and said fastener receiving surface being located to opposite sides of said interlocked joint separated from one another by said first locking part of said first edge region and said second locking part of said second edge region of said first and second boards respectively.

17. (New) A plastic panel assembly as claimed in claim 14 wherein said moisture drainage channel has a channel base wall which is formed by said bottom surface of said second edge region of said second board.

18. (New) A plastic panel assembly as claimed in claim 17 wherein, said fastener receiving surface also being formed by said bottom surface of said second edge region, said channel base and said fastener receiving surface being separated from one another by said upward projection.

19. (New) A plastic panel assembly as claimed in claim 14 wherein said channel has a channel roof and said laterally extending head locks with said channel roof.

20. (New) A plastic panel assembly as claimed in claim 19 wherein said channel roof includes a notch and wherein said laterally extending head has a tooth which rocks upwardly into said notch.

21. (New) A plastic panel assembly as claimed in claim 16 wherein said fastener receiver surface comprises a projecting fin having openings therethrough at regular spaced intervals along said fin.

22. (New) A plastic panel assembly as claimed in claim 21 wherein said opening in said fin have an elongated oval shape.